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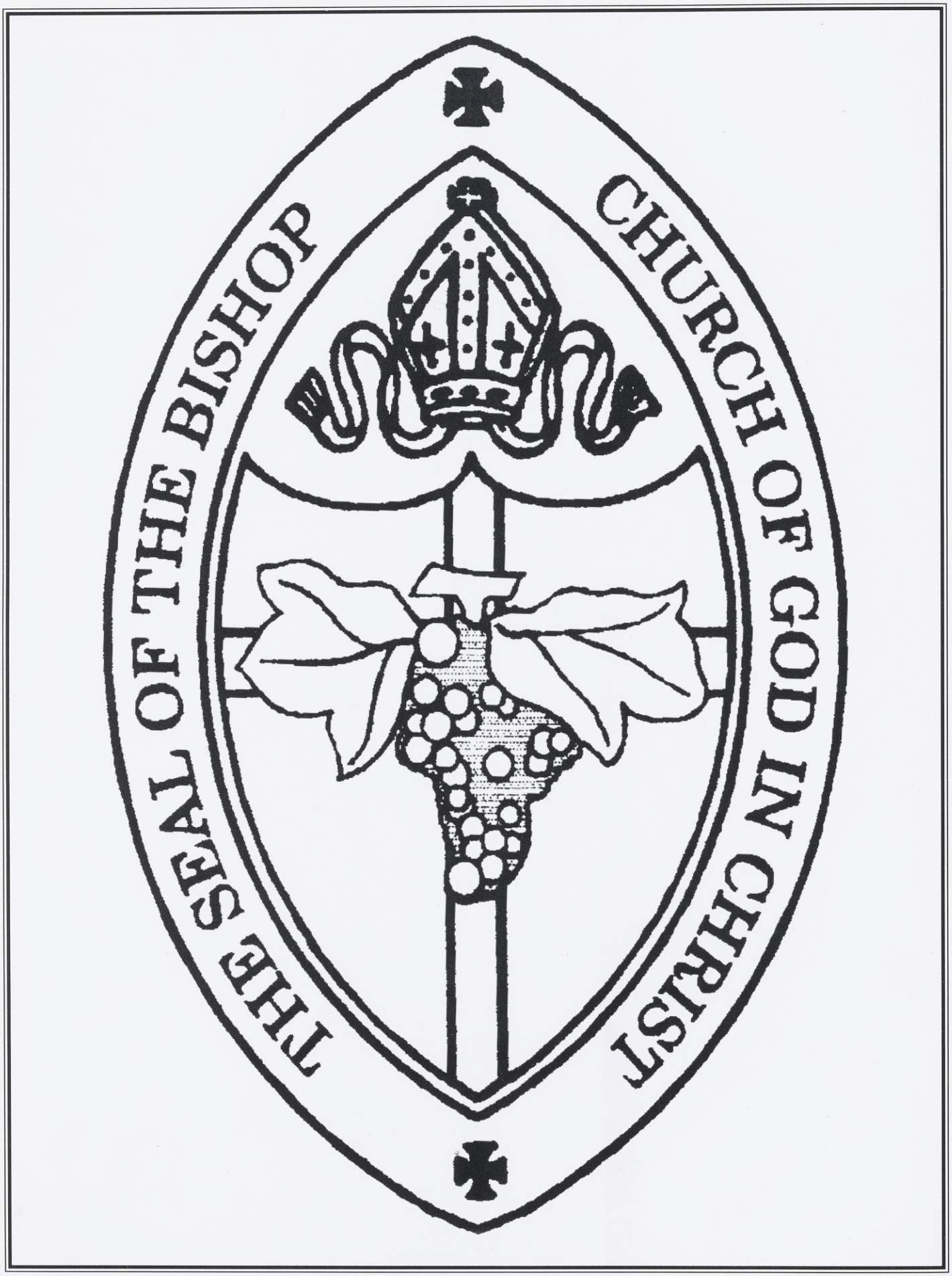
THE SEAL OF THE BISHOP
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The National Homegoing Celebration

for

The Right Reverend Robert-Richard Carr

Prelate, Greater Northern California Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

Tuesday, the Seventh day of July
Twelve O'Clock Noon
Two Thousand Fifteen
Anno Domini

Ephesian Church of God in Christ

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The Most Reverend Charles Edward Blake, Sr.

Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle
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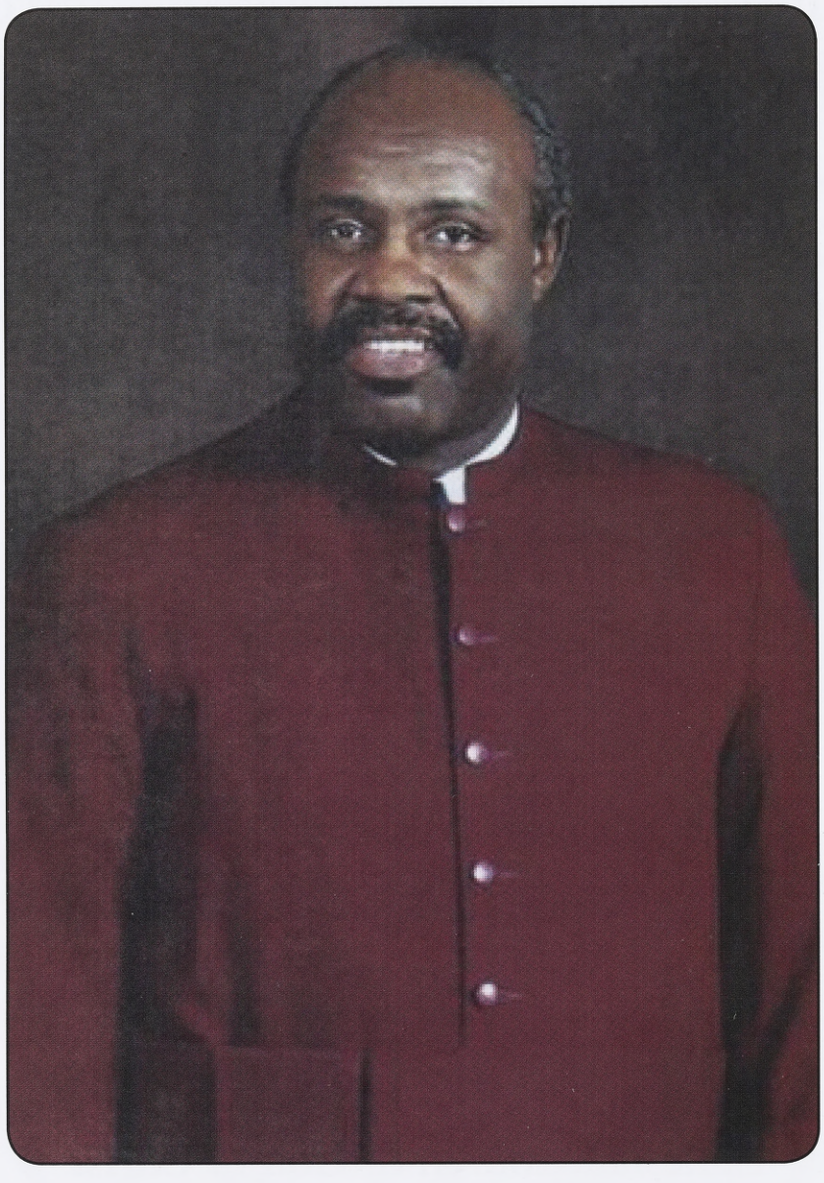
"Servant of God Well Done"



The Right Reverend Robert-Richard Carr

September 22, 1947 **June 25, 2015**

Obituary

The Right Reverend Robert-Richard Carr

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." 1 Timothy 3:1

An extraordinary preacher and evangelist, Bishop Robert-Richard Carr was born on September 22, 1947 in Shelby, North Carolina to the late David and Verla Carr. He was the youngest of eight children. Saved and filled with the Holy Ghost on September 20, 1955 at Long Branch Church of God in Christ in Shelby, North Carolina when he was just eight years old, Robert-Richard began preaching immediately afterwards and quickly became known across the country. In 1957, the Carr family moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There he received foundational leadership and guidance from his uncle, the late Superintendent Paul Franklin Berry of the Prayer Temple Church of God in Christ.

Eager to strengthen his biblical and theological knowledge, upon graduation from the Philadelphia Public School System he attended the Philadelphia College of the Bible, (Now Cairn University of Biblical Studies), Drexel Institute and Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Illinois – receiving certifications from all three.

Though he worked as a Counselor in Substance Abuse and Family Crisis for the YMCA, his lifelong calling was to be a servant leader in the Church of God in Christ.

From 1967 -1976 he would serve as both District and Eastern Pennsylvania Jurisdictional President of Y.P.W.W. under the auspices of Bishop D. A. Burton; Prayer Director of the International Youth Congress (1974 – 1975); Co-Chairman of the International Prayer for UNAC-5 (1976–1983); and the West Coast Regional Director for the National Evangelist Department under now Bishop Richard (Mr. Clean) White.

It was his position with the National Evangelist Department that brought Elder Carr to California where he founded the Robert-Richard Carr Evangelistic Ministries, Inc. headquartered in Palms, California. On September 15, 1991, he was appointed Pastor of the Ephesian Church of God In Christ in Berkeley, California – a historic church formerly pastored by the late Bishop E. E. Cleveland, Sr.

Recognizing Elder Carr's leadership, Bishop B. R. Stewart, Prelate of Northern California First Jurisdiction, named him his Fourth Administrative Assistant. Serving faithfully in that capacity under Bishop Stewart and the late Bishop L. C. Patton, Elder Carr was subsequently appointed District Superintendent in April of 1993 by then Presiding Bishop L. H. Ford, and a few months later (June 1993), he was installed as the founding Superintendent of the Word of Power District by Prelate Emeritus Stewart. In April 1999, Superintendent Carr was honored with the crowning achievement of his life. He was installed by Bishop Chandler David Owens as Prelate of Greater Northern California Second Ecclesiastical District of the Church of God in Christ where he served with distinction until his passing.

Bishop Carr will never be forgotten. His evangelistic gifts took him all over the world – with a ministry that crossed denominational, racial, and global boundaries. His inimitable style of preaching has touched the hearts and lives of many. His stories and illustrations will long be remembered and the unusual prophetic and charismatic anointing upon his life will be missed.

Thirty one years ago, Bishop Carr married the lovely Ms. Gail M. Sample – his friend and confidante. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Lady Gail M. Sample-Carr; his daughter and son, Shervonda L. Carr and John Phillip Carr, both of Philadelphia, PA; his special in-laws; the Ephesian Church Family; the Greater Northern California Second Jurisdiction Family; and a host of other family and friends.

Order of Service

(NOTE: (*) WHERE INDICATED PLEASE STAND)

QUIET MOMENTS . . . . . .The Organist

*PROCESSIONAL

The Adjutant General

The Presiding Bishop

The General Board

The General Secretary

The Chairman of the General Assembly

The Chairman of the Board of Bishops

The Board of Bishops

The Visiting Bishops

The Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders

The Visiting Clergy

The Carr Family

THE SEALING OF THE BIER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . .The Right Reverend

*THE HYMN OF COMFORT . . . . . The Choir and Congregation
"We'll Understand It Better By and By" (page 7-8)

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*THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:28-31 (page 9) . . . . . .The Right Reverend

THE CHORAL RESPONSE . . . . . .The Choir
"The Hallelujah Chant"

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*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (page 11) . . . . . The Right Reverend

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The Women's Department . . . . . Mother Willie Mae Rivers
General Supervisor of Women's Department

The General Council of Pastors and Elders . . . . . The Reverend Michael Eaddy
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Chairman

The General Church . . . . . The Right Reverend Joel Harley Lyles, Jr.
General Secretary

THE SELECTION . . . . . The Choir

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER . . . . . The Right Reverend

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THE EULOGY . . . . . The Most Reverend Charles Edward Blake, Sr.
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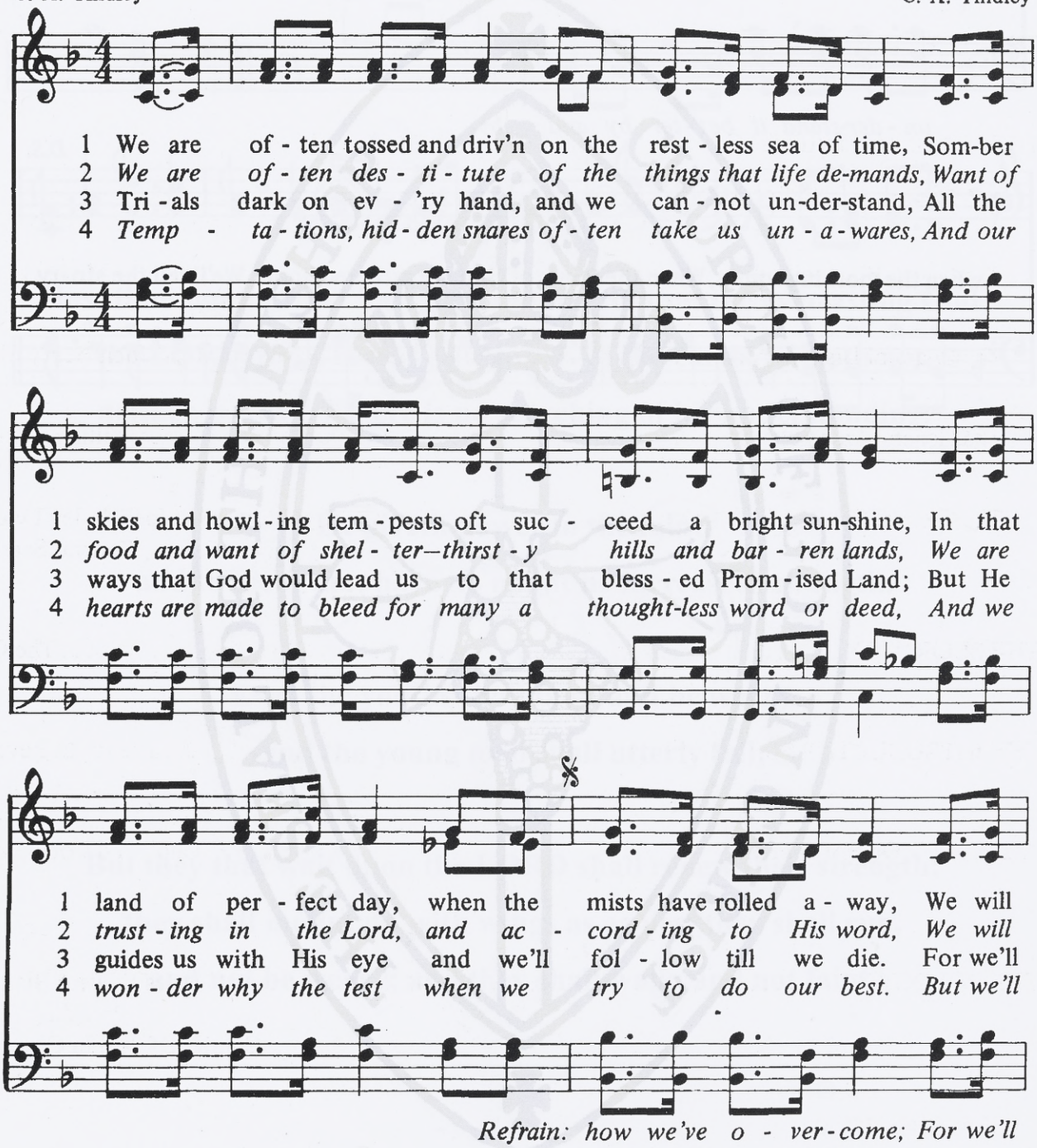
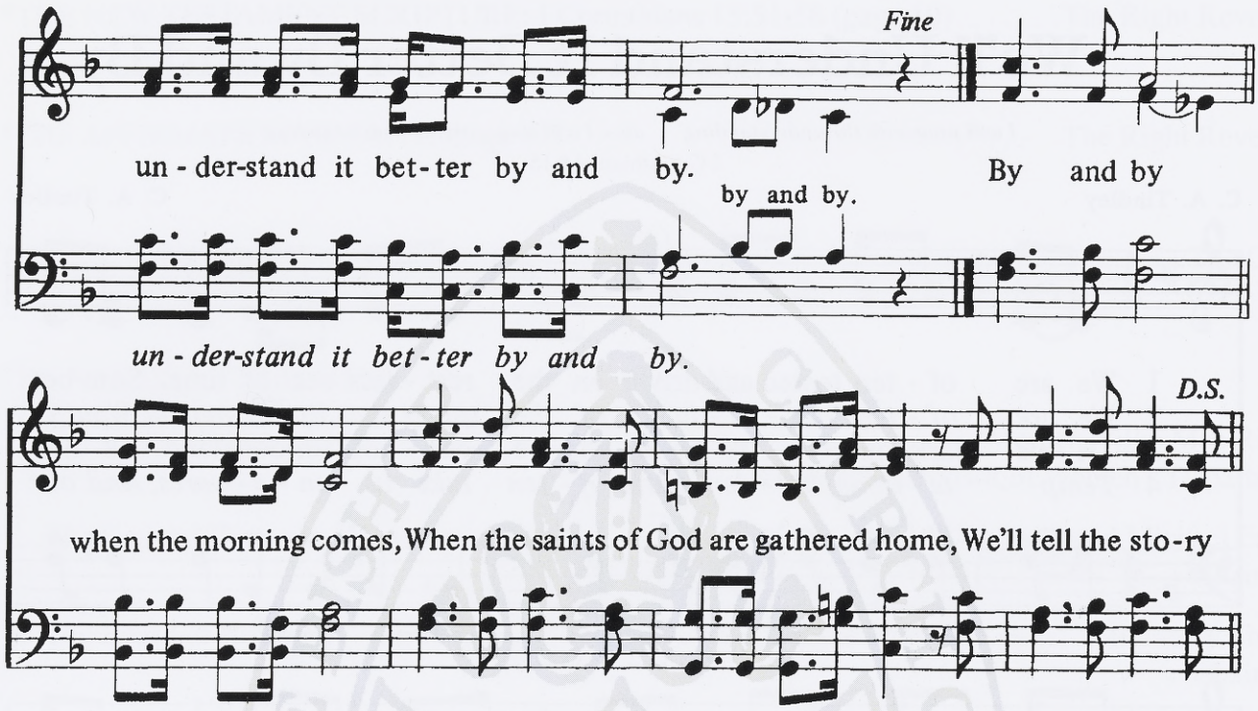
*THE RECESSIONAL

We'll Understand It Better By and By

I will pray with the understanding . . . also, I will sing with the understanding . . .
I Corinthians 14:15

C. A. Tindley C. A. Tindley


1 We are of - ten tossed and driv'n on the rest - less sea of time, Som-ber
2 We are of - ten des - ti - tute of the things that life de-mands, Want of
3 Tri - als dark on ev - 'ry hand, and we can - not un-der-stand, All the
4 Temp - ta - tions, hid - den snares of - ten take us un - a - wares, And our
1 skies and howl - ing tem - pests oft suc - ceed a bright sun-shine, In that
2 food and want of shel - ter—thirst - y hills and bar - ren lands, We are
3 ways that God would lead us to that bless - ed Prom - ised Land; But He
4 hearts are made to bleed for many a thought-less word or deed, And we
1 land of per - fect day, when the mists have rolled a - way, We will
2 trust - ing in the Lord, and ac - cord - ing to His word, We will
3 guides us with His eye and we'll fol - low till we die. For we'll
4 won - der why the test when we try to do our best. But we'll
Refrain: how we've o - ver - come; For we'll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D.S.
when the morning comes, When the saints of God are gathered home, We'll tell the sto - ry

Isaiah 40:28-31

**Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God,
the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not,
neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.**

**He giveth power to the faint;
and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.**

**Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
and the young men shall utterly fall:**

**But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run,
and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.**

I Corinthians 15:51-58

Behold, I shew you a mystery;
We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:
for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption,
and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption,
and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to
pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know
that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

The Affirmation Of Faith

(+Where Indicated, Please Stand)

+The Leader: ***We affirm our faith in the Bible.***

+The Congregation: We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written word of God.

+The Leader: ***We affirm our faith in God.***

+The Congregation: We believe that there is one God eternally existent in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

+The Leader: ***We affirm our faith in the Blessed Hope.***

+The Congregation: We believe in the blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.

+The Leader: ***We affirm our faith in Repentance and Salvation.***

+The Congregation: We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ. We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

+The Leader: ***We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ.***

+The Congregation: We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.

+The Leader: ***We affirm our faith in the Holy Ghost.***

+The Congregation: We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

+The Leader: ***We affirm our faith in Sanctification.***

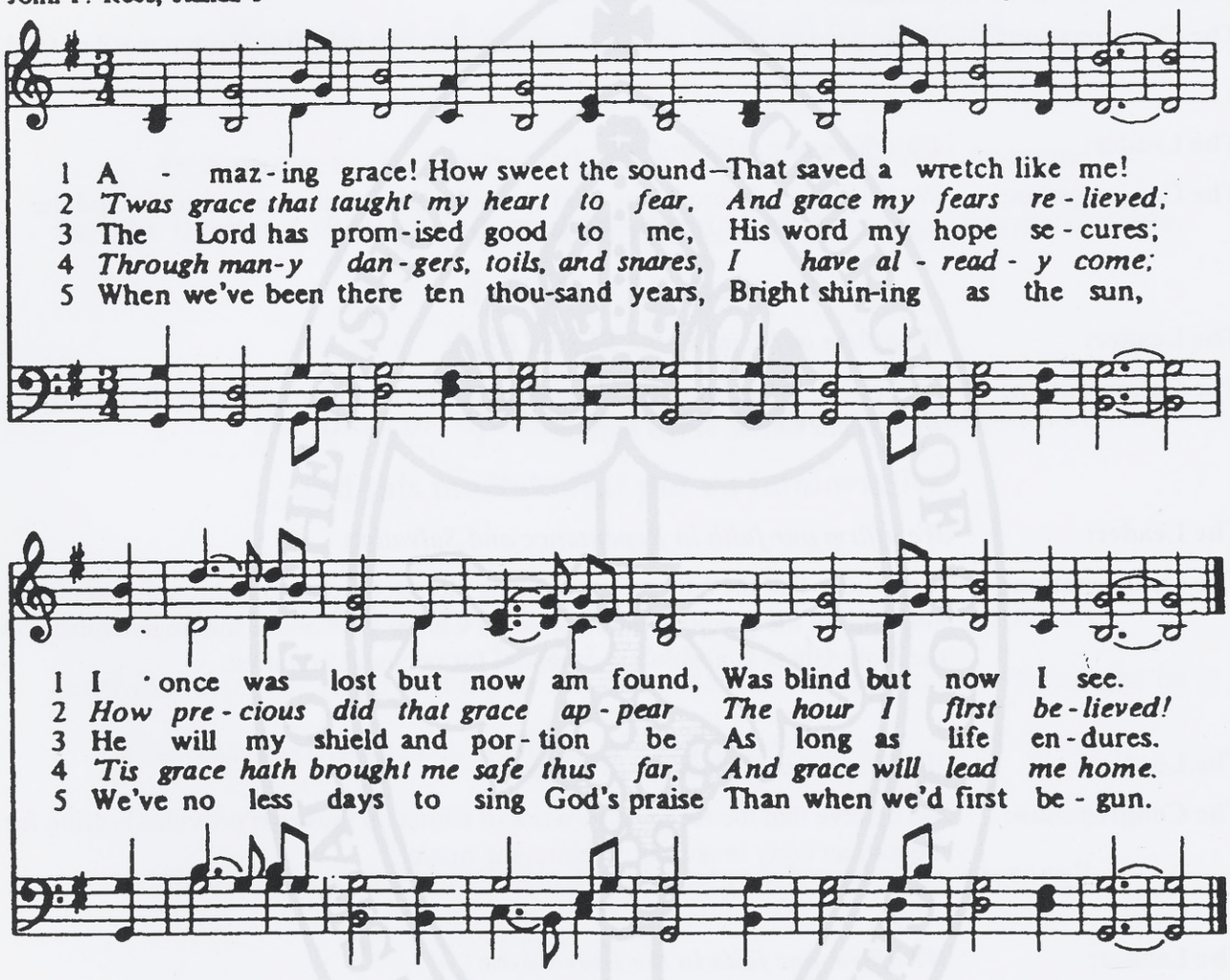
+The Congregation: We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world. **Amen.**

Amazing Grace

For by grace are ye saved through faith...
Ephesians 2:8

John Newton
John P. Rees, stanza 5

American Melody
Carrell and Clayton's *Virginia Harmony*
Harmonized by Edwin O. Excell


1 A - maz-ing grace! How sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re-lieved;
3 The Lord has prom-ised good to me, His word my hope se-cures;
4 Through man-y dan-gers, toils, and snares, I have al-read-y come;
5 When we've been there ten thou-sand years, Bright shin-ing as the sun,
1 I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2 How pre-cious did that grace ap-pear The hour I first be-lieved!
3 He will my shield and por-tion be As long as life en-dures.
4 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5 We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first be-gun.

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The Family of the late Right Reverend Robert-Richard Carr, wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, and other expressions of kindness and concerns evidenced in thought and deed.

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